

Application Number 10/730,480  
Art Unit: 3635

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of:	)	Examiner: Nguyen, Chi Q.
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	)	Art Unit: 3635
Serial No. 10/730,480	)	
	)	Attorney Docket No.: 00-8-1387
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Title:	)	
Clip Framing System	)	
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**  
**DATED 06/08/2006**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 8, 2006,  
Applicant hereby respectfully submits the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

This application was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("Patent Office") on October 1, 2002 by express mail. However, in November 2003, Applicant was informed from the Examiner Naoko N. Slack that the application filed with the Patent Office was "officially lost." Regarding the lost application, Applicant contacted OIPE and sent a copy of documents, including the application as filed

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10/01/2002, per OIPE's instruction. Upon receipt and review of the documents, the Patent Office assigned a new serial no. 10/768,284 for the above application.<sup>1</sup> Thereafter, the subject matter claimed in this application was prosecuted under the Serial No. 10/768,284, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,799,408.

It the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 8, 2006 is based on the "officially lost" file, which apparently has now been found by the PTO. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment be withdrawn because the officially lost application (Serial No. 10/730,480) legally ceased to exist when it was officially replaced with the substitute application (new Serial No. 10/768,284).

Respectfully Submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Ms. Doshie Day at OIPE established the new serial number.